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July 15, 2019

Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC, 20590

Subject: Certification of Financial Contribution BUILD Grant Application:
I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements

Dear Secretary Chao:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation wishes to express its full support for the I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements project under the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program. This project represents much-needed 27-miles widening of I-95, a major national transportation facility in North Carolina, from Exits 13 to 40 and raises two bridges near Lumberton, as well as improving the resiliency of infrastructure and technology improvements to I-95. These proposed improvements are reflected in our mission statement:

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.

As demonstrated in the project narrative and letters of support, the project is needed to improve the I-95 corridor to upgrade facilities, provide additional safety improvements including resilient infrastructure, reduce travel times, improve freight connectivity, and rural communications infrastructure.

To that end, the NCDOT will fund the I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements project in the amount of \$561,203,000.00 towards a successful BUILD grant from the state funded North Carolina Highway Trust Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of the I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements project for the 2019 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

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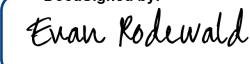
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If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 707-4320 or via e-mail at erodewald@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

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